



March 24, 2022

Dear Yana,

I am pleased to provide this letter of support confirming my intention to partner with Warehouse Workers Justice Center (dba Warehouse Workers for Justice) on an EPA-funded community air quality testing project. Having successfully worked with your organization on a previous project, I understand the necessary time commitment and can dedicate approximately  $\frac{1}{8}$  of my time per year of the grant. I can also dedicate 1 graduate student equivalent from my program and a limited amount of undergraduate student time to the project, particularly during the summer months.

As a project partner, my lab at Lewis University will take the lead on pre-installation testing and validation of the monitoring devices and upkeep and maintenance of air monitoring devices during data collection. We will also lead data cleaning and analysis, as well as partner on the development of community education materials that respond to community concerns using data from the final analysis. My undergraduate and graduate student time will also go partially towards support for community outreach events. Our work will provide the technical and scientific expertise necessary to successful completion of the project.

As well as working on a smaller air quality testing project with WWJ over the summer of 2021, I have been working with the Environmental Defense Fund on climate vulnerability indexing and mapping in Will County. I also have significant data analysis expertise from my work in experimental high energy physics prior to shifting my research focus to studying climate vulnerability inputs like air quality.

Regards,

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